

# City of Joliet Illinois

## Newsletter

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WINTER 2016

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police and Fire  
Emergency  
9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency  
(815) 726-2491

City Hall Information/  
Questions  
(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line  
(815) 724-4005

Water & Sewer  
Billing  
(815) 724-3820

Building Dept./  
Inspections  
(815) 724-4070

Public Utilities  
(Water & Sewer)  
(815) 724-4220

Public Works  
(815) 724-4200

Roadways  
(815) 724-3650

City Manager  
Jim Hock  
(815) 724-3720

Mayor  
Bob O'Dekirk  
(815) 724-3700

### Council Members

Larry Hug  
(District 1)  
(815) 724-3746

Pat Mudron (Dist. 2)  
(815) 724-3749

John Gerl (Dist. 3)  
(815) 724-3720

Bettye Gavin (Dist. 4)  
(815) 724-3745

Terry Morris (Dist. 5)  
(815) 724-3742

Jim McFarland  
(At Large)  
(815) 714-8787

Jan Hallums-Quillman  
(At Large)  
(815) 724-3744

Mike Turk (At Large)  
(815) 724-3747

## City of Joliet Winter Snow Event Guidelines

**A**s the winter season approaches and the possibilities of winter snow storms increases, residents are reminded of the City of Joliet snow removal policies and actions for the 2016 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home while it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the City of Joliet snow plows will inadvertently push snow on sidewalks at intersection corners. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential/business owner to remove these berms from the corners of intersections.

### Streets

#### Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major arterials, hospital routes, hills, and bridges.
2. Subdivision main routes and collector streets.
3. All remaining subdivision streets.
4. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

*Note: The City does NOT plow alleys.*

Due to the cost of deicing materials, it is the Roadways Division's Policy to utilize salt on major arterials and subdivision mains at intersections and mid blocks only and utilize

a mixture of salt and sand at the intersections only on the subdivision streets. Therefore, it should not be expected that these streets would immediately be clear to pavement. A mixture of sun and traffic is utilized to help with the deicing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above-pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades. When plowing is required, snow "berms" are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the wind-row of snow coming off the edge of the blade. The Roadways Division tries to keep this problem to a minimum.

### Snow Parking Ban

On-street parking is prohibited by City Ordinance 16900, Section 19-142, for any snowfall accumulations of 2 inches or more. Parked cars are an obstacle to snow plows. In addition, plowing around parked cars leaves large areas of snow and ice on the roadway. Once the snow plow trucks have cleared the street by your home or business, you may move your vehicle back to the street.

Some older neighborhoods in Joliet do not have adequate off-street parking options. In these areas residents are encouraged to seek permission from neighbors who have off-street parking spaces and other parking options such as commercial or church parking lots that will allow streets to be clear of vehicles for all snow clearing efforts to be effective.

The Joliet Police Department will have the option of issuing a parking ticket to the owner of a vehicle left on a city street during a snow event as well as having the option of having the vehicle towed, or both. All towing and storage costs will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

### During Snowfall Events

The City of Joliet Roadways Division will mobilize its crews when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain. The Roadways Division is responsible for over 500 miles of roadway with a fleet of 37 snow plow trucks and a crew of 37 employees. Joliet has a

goal of clearing all streets within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Heavier snows often take longer to clear. Due to the volume of streets to be cleared of snow and the staffing and equipment available, snow plows will not return to streets that had parked cars on them until after the entire snow removal process has been completed. This will be a day or two after the initial snow has been cleared, weather permitting.

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## Shoveling Guidelines

Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways, and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.

- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- Shoveling snow into the street is a city code violation.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

## Mailboxes

The City of Joliet Roadways Division makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb when cars are not parked on the street. In many cases of wet snow, the snow or plow blade may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street. This is unavoidable. Mailbox and sod damage complaints are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If you have mailbox damage please call (815) 724-3651 and if you have sod damage, please call (815) 724-3652.

The City of Joliet will not reimburse for any mailbox damage on improperly located mailboxes. The standard and accepted mailbox placement should be 42 inches measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the mailbox. The mailbox should be located so the front of the box is no closer than 6 inches from the back of curb. Any questions regarding the placement of mailboxes should be directed to the Joliet Post Office at (815) 773-1089.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

# Joliet residents prepare for winter weather

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,  
Mayor of Joliet*

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to 2016! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I want to wish all residents a Happy New Year.

2016 should be an exciting and challenging year for Joliet and I look forward to tackling these challenges with our Staff and City Council.

One new change, which took effect at the end of 2015,



**BOB O'DEKIRK**  
Mayor of Joliet

was the implementation of our Smart Message-Community Alert Network. This network allows our residents to receive emergency alerts and community information directly from the City of Joliet. I encourage all residents to go to the City of Joliet website at cityofjoliet.info to enroll in this program. Doing so will allow you to receive information about immediate or pending threats to public safety including evacuation notices, boil orders, water main breaks, announcements or notices from the City, and crime alerts.

During these long winter months, please remember to keep an eye on elderly neighbors, and remember Spring is not far away.

Thank you for your interest in our newsletter and for all that you do to help with our community.

**If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, please contact Peggy Thomas, Communications Coordinator for the City Manager's office, at pthomas@jolietcity.org or call (815) 724-3730.**

## Winter Preparedness Kits

### VEHICLE:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets/sleeping bag
- Flashlight and batteries
- First Aid Kit
- High calorie non-perishable food
- Extra clothing
- Windshield scraper
- Battery booster cable
- GPS or maps
- Sand or kitty litter

### WORK AND HOME:

- Battery powered NOAA weather radio
- Extra food and water

- Extra prescription medication
- First aid supplies
- Emergency heat source (wood stove, fireplace, space heater)
- Food, water, and shelter for pets
- Shovel

If you must travel, make sure your gas tank is full and you have a survival kit in your vehicle. Tell your family and friends where you are going, the roads you plan on taking, and your expected time of arrival. If you become stranded on the road during a winter storm call for help. Do not try to walk to safety. Stay in your vehicle and attach a cloth to the antenna or window to indicate you need help. Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your vehicle more noticeable.



## WASTE MANAGEMENT

# Garbage & Recycling Information for Homeowners

Waste Management is the City of Joliet's garbage, recycling and yard waste contractor. If you have questions please call them at (815) 280-7854.

PLEASE place your toters in the parkway on garbage day and not in the street. Street sweepers, snow plows and other vehicles need to be able to get down the street and that cannot be done if toters are in the way.



REMEMBER... All items must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of collection, but not prior to 6:30 p.m. on the day before collection. All emptied waste containers/toters should be removed within 10 hours after collection. Plastic grocery bags should not be put in the recycling cart but are usually accepted at grocery stores.

**LARGE ITEMS:** Large household items such as discarded furniture, beds, tables, automotive tires, etc. will be collected on the regular pickup day. Please cut carpeting and padding into 4 foot rolled sections weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

**WHITE GOODS:** ARE DEFINED BY THE ILLINOIS E.P.A. AS: refrigerators, ranges, water heaters,

freezers, air conditions, humidifiers, stoves, microwaves, clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, dishwashers, water coolers, heat pumps, chillers, furnaces, and boilers will be picked up on the normal service day. If possible, please call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to let them know when you are placing large White Goods at the curb.

**ACCESS TO TOTERS:** In order to pick up your toters, access is needed to those toters. Please make sure that no one is parked in front of your toters and that there is access to your cul-de-sac on your collection day.

**MOVING:** Garbage and Recycling toters are the property of Waste Management. Please leave the garbage and recycling toters for the next resident. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**MEDICATIONS:** Medication should NEVER be discarded down the drain or thrown into the garbage. Unused, expired and unwanted medication is a health and safety risk, as well as a potential threat to waterways. Drop off locations for medications are located at the City of Joliet Police Department at 150 W. Washington Street and the far west Police Substation at 7196 Caton Farm Road.

For the 2016 Waste Management  
Holiday Schedule, go to page 4

## Electronic Drop-Off Instructions & Locations

Residents may take their electronics to the following locations during their operational hours for free electronics disposal:

### 1. FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY

Laraway in Joliet, 17540 W Laraway Road  
(Sugar Creek-between Rt. 52 & Rt. 53) Joliet, IL  
(815) 727-8700 -- Operational Hours:  
Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed holidays.

### 2. TROY TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Shorewood, 25358 Seil Road (West on Seil from intersection of River Road & Seil Road) - Shorewood, IL (815) 828-5275 -- Operational Hours: Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed holidays. In addition to electronics recycling, textile recycling, traditional recycling, cardboard and car batteries are accepted at this location.

For questions, call Will County Green at (815) 727-8834.

Please go to the City of Joliet website, cityofjoliet.info under "Residents" tab, click on "Garbage & Recycling" for a complete list of items that are accepted at the dropoff centers. Additional dropoff centers are located throughout Will County and listed at the Will County Green website willcountygreen.com.

If a resident would like someone to come directly to their house to pick up electronics items, there is a \$25 fee and a limit of 10 items per collection. Vintage Tech Recyclers will come directly to a resident's house and pick up unwanted recycling items. This may be done by telephone or through e-mail. Call (630) 305-0922 Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email willcounty@vintagetechnology.com Please include your name, address and telephone number and please provide a type and number of each electronic item.

*Please Note: Illinois law prohibits the disposal of televisions, monitors, printers, computers, electronic keyboards, fax machines, videocassette recorders, portable digital music players, digital video disc players and recorders, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, string lights (holiday lights on wires), hair dryers and curling irons, coffee makers, and fans, etc. from landfills as of January 1, 2012.*

## Daylight Saving Time Reminder

Change batteries  
when you set  
clocks



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 2 a.m. When you set your clocks ahead, the City of Joliet Fire Department encourages you to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing the detectors' batteries every six months helps ensure they will function properly.

## Voting Registration Reminder

Register now,  
avoid lines



Nancy Schultz Voots, Will County Clerk, would like to remind you the March 15, 2016, General Primary Election is fast approaching and the November 8, 2016, Presidential Election will soon follow!

Anyone who needs to register for either election can find additional information at willcountyclerk.com for either online or mail-in registration. You may also be interested in serving as an Election Judge in your precinct on Election Day. Those who serve are compensated for their time. It is an all-day commitment but rewarding to know you have participated in this most important civic function.

In anticipation of the 2016 elections, which traditionally attracts a high voter turnout, the Will County Clerk encourages you to take advantage of some time-saving options they are offering that will allow you to avoid potentially long lines at your polling place on Election Day. For your convenience, they offer Early Voting at your local county clerk's office or vote in the privacy of your home by requesting a Vote by Mail ballot. For questions, please contact the Will County Clerk's office at (815) 740-4615.



# Public Services

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



## Home Down Payment Assistance for residents

### Joliet, Will County announce Down Payment Assistance Program

The City of Joliet, in cooperation with the Will County Center for Community Concerns, is pleased to announce the commitment of over \$650,000 for the Joliet Down Payment Assistance Program.

The program is open to low-income homebuyers purchasing a home. The property being acquired must be located within the Joliet city limits and occupied by the homebuyer as his/her principal residence. The down payment assistance is provided in the form of a zero interest, deferred payment loan (forgivable) secured by a second mortgage, note, and recapture

agreement. The minimum down payment assistance is \$1,000.

The maximum down payment assistance is based on a maximum of 17 percent of the purchase price of the home. Homebuyer must provide a minimum of \$2,500 from his/her own funds for the purchase of a home.

Eligible property types include a single-family home, townhouse, condominium, and manufactured home on a fixed foundation.

Homes located in the 100-year floodplain or, that are tenant-occupied, are ineligible. There are maximum purchase price limits and the property must pass inspections. Other restrictions apply. Application and program requirements are available online at [cityofjoliet.info/buyer](http://cityofjoliet.info/buyer). Applications must be submitted to the Will County Center for Community Concerns, 2455 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, Attention: Patricia Venziano (815) 722-0722 extension 217. Email: [contactus@wcccc.net](mailto:contactus@wcccc.net)



## Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living

The Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living strives for the equality and empowerment of people with all types of disabilities, of any age. They inform people with disabilities about their rights, educate them on their responsibilities, promote advocacy, provide support services, and raise community awareness about disability issues.



Will-Grundy  
CENTER for  
INDEPENDENT  
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Today, the Center is a recognized leader in the area of disability rights and has earned the respect of both the people they serve, who they refer to as their consumers, and the community at large.

Services offered by the Center are unique in that the people receiving them enjoy complete control over their services. A majority of their staff has some form of disability, thus enriching the experience for their consumers.

### MAJOR SERVICES:

- Advocacy
- Information and referral
- Peer support
- Independent living skills training
- Community reintegration

### SPECIALIZED SERVICES:

- Leadership development
- Personal assistant program
- Low-vision program
- Free amplified telephones
- Voter registration
- Children's Assistive Technology Program

In addition, the Center conducts Disability Awareness/Sensitivity sessions to schools and businesses, technical assistance on various disability-related laws, and more. For more information, please contact the Center at (815) 729-0162 (V) or (815) 768-2582 (VRS). The Center is located at 2415 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet.

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## Waste Management Holiday Schedule

For those residents who have a real Christmas tree this year, set it out at your normal pickup location on your regular trash day for pick up. You can set it out in one piece, if it's 5 feet in length or less. If your Christmas tree measures more than 5 feet tall, please cut it in half. Christmas trees will be collected through January 29, 2016.

Day	Date	Holiday	Schedule
Friday	January 1	New Years Day*	Friday pickup will be one day late
Monday	January 18	Martin Luther King	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	February 15	President's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Friday	March 25	Good Friday	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	July 4	Independence Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	September 5	Labor Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	October 10	Columbus Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Friday	November 11	Veteran's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Thursday	November 24	Thanksgiving*	Thurs./Fri. Pickup 1 Day Late
Sunday	December 25	Christmas	One Day Late All Week
Sunday	Jan. 1, 2017	New Year's Day*	One Day Late All Week



\*The only holidays that will affect regularly scheduled pick up days in 2016.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft

It is possible that you may be a victim of identity theft and not know it. All Illinois residents may receive free copies of their credit reports once every year from each of the three national credit reporting agencies.

**THE FREE ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH THE CENTRALIZED SOURCE LISTED BELOW:**

- Call (877) 322-8228
- Order on-line at: [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com)
- Complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form available at [ftc.gov/credit](http://ftc.gov/credit) and select Free Credit Reports, scroll down and click on the Annual Credit Report Request Form or type in the following link on your computer: [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0093-annual-report-request-form.pdf](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0093-annual-report-request-form.pdf)
- Fill out the form and mail it to:  
Annual Credit Report Request Service  
P.O. Box 105281  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5281

*\*Important: Your free annual credit report does not include your credit score. If you wish to obtain this information it will cost an additional fee per reporting agency. If you contact the agencies directly or receive your credit reports from another vendor (such as those advertised on television or on-line), you may be charged a fee for both the credit report and credit score.*

Call your local Joliet Police Department at (815) 726-2491 and file a report if you believe you have fallen victim to a scam or identity theft.

You will need a police report to recover damages.

You will also want to call the Illinois Attorney General's Identity Theft Hotline at:

**(866) 999-5630 TTY: (877) 844-5491**

Senior Citizen Consumer Fraud Hotline: **(800) 243-5377**

You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

## Reporting Identity Theft and Scams

*Anyone can become a victim to fraud scams and identity theft. You can protect yourself by learning to recognize red flags.*

### BEWARE OF:

- *Someone's offer to sell you something for nothing*
- *Pressure to buy something or sign a contract*
- *A salesperson's unwillingness to explain the details of service*
- *Tricky wording or vague language in any contract or agreement*
- *The promise of partial payments in return for cashing a check*

## SAFETY

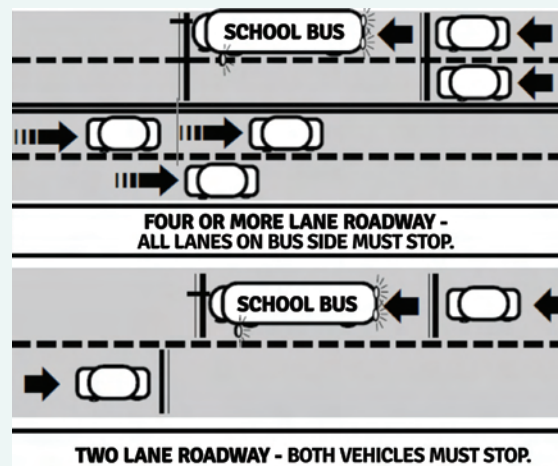
# Do you know when to pull over in traffic?

The law for ANY emergency vehicle, regardless of whether it is a two or four-lane road and regardless of which direction the emergency vehicle is heading, all vehicles must pull "as close as possible to the right hand curb" until the emergency vehicle has passed.



Funeral processions have the right-of-way at intersections and must have their headlights and hazard lights on. Vehicles driving adjacent to a funeral procession may pass the vehicles provided they can do so safely.

For school buses on four-lane roads, only the traffic behind the bus is required to stop. Oncoming traffic in a four lane road can continue. On a two-lane road, all vehicles must stop while the stop arm is extended.





# Community

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL OF WILL COUNTY

## Giving Back

### Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday uniting Americans in 2016 National Day of Service

January 18, 2016 marks the Anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday. Across the country, Americans will answer Dr. King's call to action: "What are you doing for others?" by joining in volunteer efforts to serve their neighbors and communities.

Students, political and community leaders, nonprofit, faith-based, educational, neighborhood organizations and individuals in Joliet/Will County will complete community projects that day, including painting, beautifying schools, serving meals, and providing voter registration and much more. Residents of all ages and backgrounds will help advance Dr. King's vision of equality and opportunity for all by making the holiday a "Day On, Not A Day Off"—and the beginning of an ongoing commitment to serve throughout the year.



Nonprofit organizations are asked to submit their (3) hour project requests to the United Way via fax (815) 723-2814 or via e-mail [mike@uwwill.org](mailto:mike@uwwill.org) no later than January 5, 2016.

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time. Volunteers are asked to register via e-mail at [ewilliams@cc-doj.org](mailto:ewilliams@cc-doj.org) or call (815) 724-1142.

#### JANUARY 18, 2016

- Joliet West High School, 401 N. Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL
- Volunteer Registration: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- Program Launch Breakfast 8:30 to 8:50 a.m.
- Projects Completed: 9 a.m. to Noon
- Project Recap and Lunch Noon to 1 p.m.

## JOLIET REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

The Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry was



founded in 1914 as the "Voice of Business." Today, 101 years later, they continue to offer a Vision, a Voice, and Access for their One Thousand plus members. Their mission is to advance the interests of businesses, professionals, and service organizations in the Joliet Region. They act as a voice for their

members in economic, governmental, and social affairs. They serve to cooperate with all interested parties to solve community problems. Members receive return on investment through activity in the following areas: Advocacy, Education, Business Growth & Networking, Promotional Opportunities, Communications, and Special Events. If you or your organization have interest in finding out more about "Membership on YOUR Terms," contact the Chamber at (815) 727-5371 or visit on the web at [jolietchamber.com](http://jolietchamber.com).

### CITY COUNCIL

## 2016 Joliet City Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Joliet City Council are held in the Council Chambers of the Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. All meetings are open to the public.

#### PRE-COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m. except as noted\*

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| • JANUARY 4    | • JULY 5*      |
| • JANUARY 19*  | • JULY 18      |
| • FEBRUARY 1   | • AUGUST 1     |
| • FEBRUARY 16* | • AUGUST 15    |
| • FEBRUARY 29  | • SEPTEMBER 6* |
| • MARCH 14     | • SEPTEMBER 19 |
| • APRIL 4      | • OCTOBER 3    |
| • APRIL 18     | • OCTOBER 17   |
| • MAY 2        | • OCTOBER 31   |
| • MAY 16       | • NOVEMBER 14  |
| • JUNE 6       | • DECEMBER 5   |
| • JUNE 20      | • DECEMBER 19  |

#### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. except as noted\*

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|----------------|----------------|
| • JANUARY 5    | • JULY 5*      |
| • JANUARY 19*  | • JULY 19      |
| • FEBRUARY 2   | • AUGUST 2     |
| • FEBRUARY 16* | • AUGUST 16    |
| • MARCH 1      | • SEPTEMBER 6* |
| • MARCH 15     | • SEPTEMBER 20 |
| • APRIL 5      | • OCTOBER 4    |
| • APRIL 19     | • OCTOBER 18   |
| • MAY 3        | • NOVEMBER 1   |
| • MAY 17       | • NOVEMBER 15  |
| • JUNE 7       | • DECEMBER 6   |
| • JUNE 21      | • DECEMBER 20  |

Meetings on January 19, February 16, July 5, and September 6, 2016 are combined Pre-Council and Regular meetings and will be held at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in an accessible location. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (815) 724-3780.

Live, online streaming of Regular City Council and Pre-Council meetings is now available at [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info). Videos and agenda packets can be accessed by clicking on the link at the center of the home page titled, "Meetings and Agendas."



# Calendar

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## 2016 Winter Calendar

### JANUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 20

**Youth Drama Class**  
Bicentennial Park –  
201 W. Jefferson St.  
9 a.m. to Noon \$60/ \$65  
Open to all levels of interest  
1st to 12th grades.  
Register (815) 724-3760

### JANUARY 18 & JANUARY 19

**Lose A Ton Weigh In**  
Presence Inwood Athletic Club  
3000 W. Jefferson St.  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m. FREE

### FEBRUARY 19 TO 21 & 26 TO 28

**Joliet Drama Guild's 83rd  
Season Opener**  
Bicentennial Park –  
201 W. Jefferson St.  
7 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays /  
2 p.m. Sundays \$9/ \$10  
Enjoy Illinois' 2nd oldest  
community theatre group.  
Tickets (877) 534-1933

### MARCH 3 & MARCH 4

**Lose A Ton Weigh Out**  
Presence Inwood Athletic Club  
3000 W. Jefferson St.  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m., FREE

### MARCH 17 TO 19

**"9 to 5" by Joliet Catholic  
Academy**  
Bicentennial Park –  
201 W. Jefferson St.  
7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday/  
2 p.m. Saturday \$7/ \$9  
JCA students star in their  
spring musical.  
Tickets (815) 741-0500

### MARCH 19

**Easter Egg Hunts**  
Nowell Park Baseball Field,  
5 Mills Rd. (10 a.m.) / Heggie  
Soccer Field, Collins &  
Williamson (1 p.m.), FREE

### MARCH 19

**Pioneer Fest and Pancake  
Breakfast**  
Pilcher Park Nature Center  
Gougar & Rt. 30

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
\$9 Age 13+  
\$7 12 and under

### MARCH 24

**"The Jungle Book" by  
AlphaBet Soup Productions**  
Bicentennial Park –  
201 W. Jefferson St.  
10:30 a.m. \$8/ \$7 groups 25+  
Interactive children's theatre  
for preK-4th grade.  
Tickets (630) 932-1555.

### MARCH 26

**Hartman Indoor Flea Market**  
Hartman Recreation Center  
511 N. Collins St.  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$30 to register as a vendor;  
FREE admission



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All programs are free to attend.  
For more information or to  
register visit [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org) or call  
(815) 740-2660.

### Littlest Makers Monthly

**January 11, February 8 &  
March 14, 10 to 11 a.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-Main:**  
150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
Ages 18 mo. to 5 years with  
adult, registration opens  
January 4, February 1 & March  
7. Tinker, design and create  
together. Join us and explore  
new materials, tools and  
processes as you make a project  
to take home.

**January:** Sock Snowmen  
**February:** Collage  
**March:** Paper Mache Eggs

### Movie Mondays

**January 18 & March 7, 6 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-Main:**  
150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
Adults, no registration is  
required. Enjoy a movie and  
some light refreshments at the  
library.

**January:** Ant-Man  
**March:** The Visit

### Citizens Utility Board

**January 11 & February 8,  
6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-Main:**  
150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
Adults, registration is required.

Learn how you may be able to  
lower your energy bills from  
CUB experts. Please bring  
current copies of your phone,  
electric, and gas bills for review.  
\*February presentation will be  
in English & Spanish.

### 5th Wave Release Party

**January 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Grades 6 to 12, registration is  
required. Celebrate the movie  
release of 5th Wave with food,  
games, and more.

### Adult Crafting Night

**January 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Adults, registration is required.  
Join us for an adult only craft  
night! We are making a beautiful  
Valentine's Day wreath to hang  
in your home. All materials are  
provided for you!

### Lego Club

**January 26, February 23  
& March 29, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Ages 4 to 12, registration opens  
January 11, February 8, & March  
14. Work in teams to make a  
LEGO masterpiece that will  
be displayed that week in the  
library. The library will supply  
all the legos—you bring the  
brains!

### Pelicula en español para familias

**February 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-Main:**  
150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
No es necesario registrarse.  
Hotel Transylvania 2 se  
reproducirán en Español.  
Refrescos para los que  
participan.

### Pocket Circus

**February 10, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
**February 10, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-Main:**  
150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
All ages family show, no  
registration is required. Pocket  
Circus is the world's smallest  
circus, with two bilingual  
performers who juggle, perform  
magic and acrobatics and do so  
much more! Bring your whole  
family and enjoy the show.

### Bilingual Storytime

**February 11 & March 10,  
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Ages 3 to 8, registration opens  
January 25 & February 22. This  
special storytime for Spanish  
and English speakers will give  
children exposure to books and  
activities in both languages.

### Dramarama

**February 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Grades 6 to 12, registration is

required. Come show off your  
acting and improv skills during  
this night of drama-filled fun.

### "Devils in the White City – and Beyond" by Richard C. Lindberg

**February 27, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Adults,, registration is required.  
True crime author Rich Lindberg  
presents a fascinating montage  
of Gaslight Era serial killers,  
scoundrels, and murderers.

### Soon to be Famous Illinois Author, Michael Alan Peck

**March 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Adults, no registration is required.  
Join us for a Skype meeting with  
author Michael Alan Peck, the  
2015 winner of the "Soon to Be  
Famous Illinois Author" Program.  
Peck will discuss his urban  
fantasy book *The Commons*:  
Book 1:  
*The Journeyman*, which will  
appeal to teens and adults.

### First Aid for Kids

**March 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Joliet Public Library-  
Black Road Branch:**  
3395 Black Road, Joliet  
Grades K-5, registration opens  
Feb 22. Volunteers from the  
American Red Cross will be  
teaching children basic first aid  
and safety skills, including how  
to get help, how to stay calm  
in an emergency, and how to  
control bleeding.

## Get a Joliet Public Library Card - Free to City of Joliet Residents



The Joliet Public Library  
offers a vast collection of  
materials in a variety of  
formats to fit our patrons'  
needs.

### This includes:

- Books/eBooks/  
eAudiobooks
- Magazines and Digital  
Magazines
- CDs and DVDs
- NEW! Free music  
downloads and  
streaming

At the Main Library,  
patrons can reserve  
time in the Digital Media  
Studio to work on multi-  
media projects. The  
studio is equipped with  
both Macs and PCs for  
industry-standard image,  
video, and audio editing.  
Patrons can explore 3D  
design with the library's  
Makerbot 3D printers.

Any resident of the  
City of Joliet may apply  
for a free library card.  
Children 3 years and up  
may apply for their own  
library card with parental  
consent and signature of  
responsibility.

For more information  
about the Joliet Public  
Library, please visit  
[jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org) or call  
(815) 740-2660.



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## EVENTS

## Upcoming Events at the Rialto Square Theatre

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses mainly musicals, plays, concerts, and standup comedy. It is also available for public and private functions. Designed in the Neo-Baroque style, it is considered one of "150 great places in Illinois" by the American Institute of Architects.



[rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com)

**JANUARY 23**  
**Shatner's World**  
**We Just Live In It**  
**8 p.m. Tickets: \$200**  
**(Includes Meet & Greet)-\$45**  
In SHATNER'S WORLD, a one-man force of nature delivers a larger-than-life performance complete with his laugh-out-loud humor, signature storytelling and select musical selections in his inimitable style. Through anecdotes, songs, jokes and even some poignant moments, you will experience William Shatner's phenomenal path from classically trained Shakespearean actor to cultural icon, brilliantly creating the larger-than-life and most important character he has ever played, William Shatner.

**FEBRUARY 7**  
**Ragtime**  
**3 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$59.50 to \$39.50**  
At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing ... and anything is possible. The stories of an upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician unfold - set in turn-of-the-century New York - all three united by their desire and belief in a brighter tomorrow.

**FEBRUARY 13**  
**Pure Prairie League with Firefall**  
**8 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$68.50 to \$25.50**  
Pure Prairie League became fan favorites in the 1970's with radio hits like "Aimee", "Two Lane Highway" and

"Falling In and Out Of Love", and are still going strong. Also appearing Firefall, known for "You Are The Woman", "Mexico" "Cinderella" and other chart topping hits.

**FEBRUARY 21**  
**Bridal Expo at the Rialto Square Theatre**  
**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets: \$4-pack \$20; Single Ticket \$8 in advance; \$10 day of Expo**  
This is the ONLY Bridal Expo you will need to attend! Bridal Expo at the Rialto brings the area's BEST wedding professionals all under one roof where you will FIND new ideas; SAVE time and money and DISCOVER all your options. Take part in Wedding Creation 101. Three separate enlightening sessions to help you plan for your perfect Wedding Day!

**FEBRUARY 27**  
**Parrots of the Caribbean-Jimmy Buffett Tribute**  
**Tailgate Party begins two hours prior to the performance (5 p.m.), Show Time 7 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$65 to \$55**  
ALL-INCLUSIVE - concert ticket, pre-show tailgate party, drinks & light appetizers through intermission, and an evening of high excitement and high energy. Dust off your flip-flops, grab your sunglasses, throw on your favorite beach wear and be swept away into an island mood as the #1 Jimmy Buffett tribute act in the country comes to the Rialto! Sponsored by Dos Equis beer this will be summer fun in the winter

during this all inclusive night of tailgating, music and entertainment. Prizes will be awarded for The Most Interesting Man look-a-like and the best dressed Parrothead for male and female.

**MARCH 2**  
**Paddy Maloney THE CHIEFTAINS and Special Guests**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$78.50 to \$28.50**  
Six-time Grammy Award winners, The Chieftains, have been highly recognized for reinventing traditional Irish music on a contemporary and International scale. After fifty years of making some of the most beautiful music in the world, The Chieftains' music remains as fresh and relevant as when they first began.

**MARCH 5**  
**Get The Led Out**  
**8 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$49.50 to \$25.50**  
Dubbed by the media as "The American Led Zeppelin," Get The Led Out brings what the audience wants a high energy Zeppelin concert with an honest, heart-thumping intensity. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, Get The Led Out have captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage.

**MARCH 6**  
**Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Pops: Gershwin Celebration**  
**3 p.m. Tickets: \$55 to \$25; Student with ID \$15**

Catfish Row springs to life when the IPO's esteemed Conductor Laureate Maestro Carmon DeLeone brings to the stage an all-Gershwin pops program. From the opening notes of the rumba-inspired Cuban Overture to the treasured and touching ballads of Porgy and Bess, listeners will be enchanted by Gershwin's musical genius and his ability to blend sophisticated structures with audience-appealing styles. The evening features acclaimed soloists: Alfreda Burke (soprano), Michael Preacely (baritone) and Michael Chertock (piano). "... just the ticket to lure classical music buffs away from their customary downtown-Chicago migration patterns." ~Chicago Tribune on the IPO.

**MARCH 12**  
**Tapestry: Tribute to Carole King**  
**8 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$68.50 to \$38.50**  
Tapestry: Tribute to Carole King faithfully recreates the glorious sound of a Carole King concert, leaving you with memories of the great music she wrote and recorded, including "You've Got a Friend", "Natural Woman", "It's Too Late", "So Far Away", "I Feel the Earth Move" and "Beautiful."

**Five easy ways to order tickets: In person, by mail, by fax, by phone or Ticketmaster.**  
**For more information: rialtosquare.com or call (815) 726-6600.**



## 2015 an action-packed year at Chicagoland Speedway

For the fifth consecutive season, Chicagoland Speedway hosted the first race in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. The Chase is NASCAR's year-end playoff composed of 10 races that started on September 18th thru the 20th at Chicagoland Speedway.

Leading up to the action-packed weekend, NASCAR in partnership with Chicagoland Speedway, executed a full line-up of events. This schedule is known as Chase Week and takes place across the Chicagoland area to create excitement for the race events soon to come. Joliet held its annual Race Fan Rally downtown. This fan event featured special appearances by NASCAR drivers, haulers on display, live music, entertainment, giveaways and more.

Each day of the Chase weekend saw a slew of celebrities visiting the Joliet facility. Sunday's (September 20) NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race was kicked off with a performance by country music sensation and Illinois native, Brett Eldredge. Sunday's pre-race festivities continued with a jaw-dropping performance by Chicago Blackhawks "Gold Standard" National Anthem performer, Jim Cornelison. Former No. 1 professional tennis player, Billie Jean King, and retired Los Angeles Lakers NBA basketball player, Jerry "Mr. Clutch" West stepped up to the start line as co-Grand Marshals to tell drivers to start their engines for the myAFibRisk.com 400. Saturday evening's Furious 7 300 had Chris "Ludacris" Bridges in attendance serving as Grand Marshal for the XFINITY Series Race.

Chicagoland Speedway will once again host the first race in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup in 2016. The September 15th to 18th weekend will feature all three of NASCAR's premier series, with the addition of the ARCA Racing Series on Thursday night.

For 2016 tickets and info please call (888) 629-7223 or go to [chicagolandspeedway.com](http://chicagolandspeedway.com)